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1. IN VIEW OF PARTICIPATION IN ICEM OF A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN MEDITERRANEAN BASIN EITHER AS MEMBERS (ITALY, GREECE, MALTA, ISRAEL, SPAIN) AND OTHERS AS OBSERVERS (TURKEY, CYPRUS) EGYPT'S DESIRE TO BE INFORMED OF ACTIVITIES OF THIS IMPORTANT BODY SEEMS LOGICAL. EMBASSY HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE GOE INTENTION IS TO USE ICEM FORUM TO DEAL WITH ANY INTERNAL PROBLEMS THROUGH EMIGRATION. ON THE CONTRARY, THOSE VERY INDIVIDUALS WHO MIGHT WISH TO EMIGRATE ARE THOSE WITH SKILLS EGYPT WOULD BE MOST LIKELY TO NEED. WE ALSO UNAWARE OF ANY THOUGHTS EGYPTIANS MIGHT HAVE WITH REGARD TO DISRUPTION ICEM'S ROLE IN IMMIGRATION OF SOVIET JUEWS TO ISRAEL. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, EXPECT OCCASIONAL SHARP EXCHANGES BETWEEN EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI REPS ON ISSUES IMPINGING ON ARAB-ISRAELI DIS-
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2. EMBASSY SHAIRES DEPARTMENT'S VIEW (REFTEL B) REGARDING EGYPT'S APPLICATION FOR OBSERVER STATUS OR REQUEST FOR POS-
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